

## Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, : : MISSOURI

Reciprocity is essential to continuous friendship.

Even false hair is going up. This is like bringing the high-price epidemic to a head.

Prof. Todd also believes Mars is inhabited; but, tush, he might as well believe this as anything else.

Edison invented the phonograph, but it would be unfair to suspect him of designing the souvenir postal card.

A Chicago man in Battle Creek fell 65 feet and escaped unhurt. He probably landed on a bale of breakfast food.

Hydrophobia is a disease, the government investigators tell us. They seem a dog-gone long time admitting the obvious.

The brain of a New York man was found to weigh only half of the average man. Science solves the mysteries of the ages.

A corset stay saved the life of an Akron woman who was stabbed by her husband. The man should have known that of course it would.

A Kingston, Ont., man broke his ribs laughing at a joke. The nature of the quip ought to be ascertained and put on record as a side splitter.

An Illinois woman asks divorce because her husband forbade her sitting on the lawn. Few judges would consider this ground for divorce.

"I envy the lot of every man who is not an emperor," wrote Francis Joseph long ago. And he never felt disposed to alter the sad statement.

Two-thirds of the weight of the average girl, according to a London chemist, is sugar. We know several love-lorn swains who will believe that.

Lillian Russell says she never bets more than \$100 on the races on any one day, and that she always wins. The two statements seem to be mutually irreconcilable.

There are 6,297 different kinds of alcoholic drinks used in the world, according to statistics. The job undertaken by the W. C. T. U. looks rather formidable, doesn't it?

A meteorite recently fell upon the Russian town of Verkhneudniyevsk. It may be said, however, that the name of the place was the same before the catastrophe occurred.

Hetty Green's comment that a girl who seeks a husband abroad deserves what she gets, is putting it gently, but it should be construed from the strictly snappish point of view.

A Pittsburgh father who spanked his 35-year-old daughter for staying out late at night was upheld by the judge. Evidently the old man doesn't intend to spoil his child by sparing the rod.

At the ripe old age of 77 Henri Rochefort is still able to give up the direction of one Parisian newspaper and take on that of another. He remains the world's foremost fighting editor.

A Camden, N. J., bank teller is dead from blood poisoning caused by handling money. Up to date this is the most effective of all the arguments against tainted coin that have been produced.

Wireless telegraphy is an accomplished fact; wireless telephoning is under experimental processes, but the limit of human ingenuity is expected to be reached when it comes to wireless politics.

It is heard from Washington that "collecting old bank notes has become quite a fad." It is, however, a more widespread custom for people to do their level best to collect any old kind of bank notes.

The vigilance committee of an Arizona community sent elaborate resolutions of congratulation to a neighboring order of stranglers on the occasion of the hanging of a horse thief. There was the tie that binds.

Marconi is through with so simple a problem as wireless telegraphy across the Atlantic, and is now getting ready to send messages across the Atlantic and America to the Pacific. Mature reflection should induce him to delay his experiments until after the football season if he does not want his sound waves disturbed.

A remarkable news item comes from Vienna of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of a wedding in a neighborhood village. The husband is 120 and the wife 116 years of age, and neither of them has ever been outside the immediate vicinity of the village. But they have no fourth of July in Austria and the village is probably inaccessible to automobiles.

A baseball fan transformed into a baseball bug is a curious animal. He makes all decisions before the umpire does, giving the close ones to his side and shouting in glee when the umpire confirms his judgment and mooting decisively when the umpire cannot see it that way. Another mark of the species is that every simple catch made by his side is a "beautiful" play. The bug is an amusing insect if you don't have to sit in front of him for a week and hear him shouting, "Great ball! Great ball!" when only the ordinary thing is happening.

Now an English schoolmaster comes forward to announce that he has discovered a secret cipher which proves that neither Shakespeare nor Bacon wrote the plays; the author was really the Earl of Southampton. However, these remarkable ciphers generally in the long run amount to zero.

The Vanderbilt chief quit in a rage the other day when the chief imported to prepare the wedding feast for Miss Gladys arrived, so sometimes too many cooks get into a row before they have a chance to spoil the broth.

## THE BALLOON RACE.



As Viewed Every Day by Mr. Householder.

## CALL TO GOVERNORS

ROOSEVELT SUMMONS CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVES.

CITIZENS ARE ALSO INVITED

Waterways Commission Will Present Facts to Gathering Tentatively Fixed for May.

Washington, D. C.—In a letter made public and mailed to the governor of every state and territory, President Roosevelt issues the formal call for a special conference at the White House to consider ways and means of best conserving the natural resources of the country. He invites all the governors to be present, and states that interested members of congress, the members of the inland waterways commission and citizen authorities on particular branches of the subject will participate in the deliberations. He places the approximate dates of the conference as May 13, 14 and 15.

The letter asserts the purpose of inviting full and free discussion and suggestion of plans of procedure regarding the "use and conservation of the mineral resources, the resources of the land and the resources of the waters in every part of our territory." The president says that he views "the conservation of our natural resources as the most weighty question now before the people of the United States." Under the head of the "resources of the waters" is included the improvement of the rivers, and the whole proposition of the relation of water traffic to the transportation necessities of the country is intended to be brought to the front during the conference.

**Mrs. Sladek Acquitted.**  
Chicago, Ill.—Mrs. Mary Sladek, who during her trial on a charge of having poisoned her mother, Mrs. Mary Mette, has attracted more than usual attention as the mother of "the jail baby," was acquitted Friday night by a jury in Judge Chitrus's court. Mrs. Sladek is still under indictment for the death of her father. The deaths occurred early this year, the entire Mette family, consisting of the father, mother and three sons, having become violently ill after eating food which had been prepared by Mrs. Sladek.

**Two Negro Sprinters Dead.**  
Rapid City, S. D.—John and Joseph Graves, noted colored sprinters, are dead here as the result of knife and club wounds inflicted in a fight with Ed Wallace, also colored, several days ago. Wallace claims self-defense. It is alleged that Wallace was beating a woman and the Graves brothers interfered.

**Pleads for River Improvement.**  
Lake Providence, La.—An address urging harmony of all sections of the United States to the end of securing \$50,000,000 annually from the United States for river and harbor improvement was issued by Congressman P. E. Ransdell, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

**Mrs. Phillips Is Freed.**  
Cleveland, Ohio.—Mrs. Charlotte Phillips was freed from the charge of killing her husband, John J. Phillips, coal operator and broker, at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing before Justice Brown.

**To Improve Western Streams.**  
Omaha, Neb.—Senators, congressmen, governors and business leaders of the Missouri river valley gathered at a banquet at the Commercial club here Monday night to arouse action toward securing improvement of the western streams.

**Burglar Kills a Merchant.**  
Chicago, Ill.—James W. Allaway, a wealthy commission merchant of Los Angeles, Cal., was shot and killed by a burglar early Tuesday at the home of his brother.

**Fire in Packing Plant.**  
Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 12.—The plant of Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, was completely destroyed by fire Monday night, entailing a loss of \$250,000, partly covered by insurance.

**Strike in Cotton Mills.**  
Plainfield, N. J.—The employment of three girls who, it is said, refused to join the Weavers' union were the cause of a strike at the Lawton Cotton Mills Monday, about 300 hands walking out. Nearly every department of the mills is affected.

## REPORTERS TO GO ON CRUISE.

Brownson Says Order Against Them Has Been Rescinded.

Chicago, Ill.—The "lid" is off from that Pacific cruise. Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation at Washington, has relented from his recent order that no newspaper men should accompany the fleet on its mysterious cruise into the Pacific ocean.

This order had struck consternation in the ranks of publishers and the protests against so rigid a censorship in times of peace evidently proved too much for the admiral, for he announced, at his apartments in the Auditorium Annex, that the board of strategy had changed its mind.

"We shall allow one representative of each of the three big press associations to go with the fleet," he said. "No others, however, will be taken along. I hope this precious trio can supply the world with the news which seems so eagerly craved."

## WRESTLING AT WHITE HOUSE.

President Witnesses Bout Between Japanese Experts.

Washington, D. C.—An exhibition of Japanese wrestling was given in the east wing of the White House Monday before President Roosevelt, the Japanese ambassador and a number of personal friends of the president. The bout was directed by Tamiemon Hitachiya, champion wrestler of Japan, who is on a tour of this country. The wrestling was done by two assistants of the champion. Preliminary to the bout Mr. Hitachiya, who is a man of large stature, gave an exhibition of his training. The wrestling bout was divided into three trials, occupying about a half hour. The Japanese system of wrestling differs entirely from the European system and those who witnessed the bout did not see in it the sport which usually attends an ordinary wrestling match.

**England Has Fastest Destroyer.**  
Coves, Isle of Wight.—Great Britain, not content with possessing the largest warship in the world in the Dreadnaught, has constructed the fastest fighting craft destroyer in the world. On her official trial in the North sea Friday, the Mohawk maintained for six hours a mean speed of 34 1/2 knots an hour. In six runs over a measured mile she traveled at the rate of 34 1/2 knots an hour. This is equal to forty miles. The Mohawk is fitted with steam turbines and a water tube boiler using oil.

**Illinois Vote on Local Option.**  
Springfield, Ill.—Ernest A. Scroggin, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, Monday gave the press the following resume of the result of the vote in Illinois on the question of licensing saloons under the new local option law: "Out of 160 precincts which voted on the question," said Mr. Scroggin, "140 voted against license, while but 20 voted for license." There were 260 saloons existing in these precincts, of which 199 were voted out of business.

**Mountain Moved 1,200 Feet.**  
Moutpeller, France.—A mountain near this city called Mount Brigueux, 2,100 feet high, is changing its position as a result of having been undermined by the recent floods. It already has moved a distance of 1,200 feet and is sweeping everything before it.

**Woman Burns to Death.**  
Palestine, Tex.—Mrs. L. W. Meredith, wife of a well known attorney, died Sunday morning from burns received Saturday, when her clothing was ignited while she was sitting at the fireside.

**Kansas Named Oklahoma Clerk.**  
St. Paul, Minn.—The judges of the United States circuit court for the Eighth district appointed Harry L. Finley of Topeka, Kas., clerk of the United States circuit court for the Western district of Oklahoma.

**Song Writer Dies.**  
Los Angeles, Cal.—Juliette Estelle Prescott Mathis, 63 years old, a writer of songs and verses, formerly a resident of Illinois, died here at the home of her son, Frank C. Prescott, registrar of the United States land office.

**Denver Secures W. C. T. U.**  
Nashville, Tenn.—At the meeting of the national officers of the W. C. T. U. here Thursday, Denver, Colo., was selected as the next meeting place of the national convention.

## OMIT "GOD" ON COIN

PRESIDENT EXPLAINS REASONS FOR MAKING CHANGE.

SAYS IT IS CLOSE TO SACRILEGE

Declares It Inspires Ridicule, Pointing to Anti-Bryan Cartoons as an Example.

Washington, D. C.—In answer to one of the numerous protests which have been received at the White House against the new gold coins which have been coined without the words "In God We Trust," President Roosevelt has written a letter which he Wednesday made public. The letter follows:

"When the question of the new coinage came up we looked into the law and found there was no warrant therein for putting 'In God We Trust' on the coin. As the custom, although without legal warrant, had grown up, however, I might have felt at liberty to keep the inscription had I approved of its being on the coinage. But as I did not approve of it, I did not direct that it should again be put on.

"Of course, the matter of the law is absolutely in the hands of congress and any direction of congress in the matter will be immediately obeyed. At present, as I have said, there is no warrant in law for the inscription.

"My own feeling in the matter is due to my very firm conviction that to put such a motto on coins, or to use it in any kindred manner, not only does no good, but does positive harm, and is, in fact, irreverence, which comes dangerously close to sacrilege. A beautiful and solemn sentence such as the one in question should be treated and uttered only with that fine reverence which necessarily implies a certain exaltation of spirit. Any use which tends to cheapen it, and above all, any use which tends to secure its being treated in a spirit of levity, is from every standpoint profoundly to be regretted.

## Good Motto for Monuments.

"It is a motto which it is indeed well to have inscribed on our great national monuments, in our temples of justice, our legislative halls, and in buildings such as those at West Point and Annapolis—in short, wherever it will tend to arouse and inspire a lofty emotion in those who look thereon.

"But it seems to me eminently unwise to cheapen such a motto by use on coins, just as it would be to cheapen it by use on postage stamps, or in advertisements. As regards its use on the coinage, we have actual experience by which to go. In all my life, I have never heard any human being speak reverently of this motto on coins, or show any signs of its having appealed to any high emotion, but I have literally, hundreds of times, heard it used in sneering ridicule, which it is above all things undesirable that so beautiful and exalted a phrase should excite.

"For example, throughout the long contest extending over several decades on the free coinage question, the existence of this motto on the coins was a constant source of jest and ridicule, and this was unavoidable. Everyone must remember the innumerable cartoons and articles based on phrases like 'In God we trust for the eight cents,' 'In God we trust for the short weight,' 'In God we trust for the 37 cents we don't pay,' and so forth and so forth.

"Surely I am well within bounds when I say that a use of the phrase which invites constant levity of this type is most undesirable. If congress alters the law and directs me to replace on the coins the sentence in question, the direction will be immediately put into effect; but I very earnestly trust that the religious sentiment of the country, the spirit of reverence in the country, will prevent any such action being taken.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

**Wireless Station Destroyed.**  
New York, N. Y.—The wireless station at Siasconnet has been destroyed by fire. News that the station was out of commission was received at the Marconi offices in New York early Friday.

The station had not been working, but the cause of the trouble was not known until a boat reached the mainland with the story of the station's complete destruction. According to the best information, the fire started very early Friday morning. No one was injured, but the station was completely ruined.

**Twins Die from Poison.**  
St. Joseph, Mo.—The 5-months-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson, died Saturday as the result of ptomaine poisoning.

After drinking cold milk one of the babies died at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and the other five hours later. The father is a brother of J. A. Gibson, public administrator, and W. P. Gibson, police sergeant.

**Arrested on Federal Charge.**  
Kansas City, Mo.—H. J. Egan, of Omaha, one of the organizers of the Interstate Fiscal Agency Co., agents for the Kansas City Life Insurance Co., was arrested Thursday night upon a warrant sworn out by a post-office inspector.

**Reduce to Eight Hours.**  
Providence, R. I.—Many of the jewelry factories here went on an eight-hour basis Monday, thus curtailing the schedule 12 hours a week. Several thousand hands are affected.

**Formosa Outlaws Slay Officials.**  
Tokio.—A dispatch from Taiboku, Island of Formosa, says that a band of outlaws belonging to the Aiyu tribe attacked the government officers there and killed ten persons. The rebels were dispersed with considerable loss of life.

**Arkansas to Prison for Burglary.**  
Pine Bluff, Ark.—Rose Owens, a member of one of Pine Bluff's oldest and best known families, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for burglary.

## WALSH WILL ASK IMMUNITY.

His Attorneys Declare Transactions Were Within Letter of Law.

Chicago, Ill.—On the claims that John R. Walsh was guilty of nothing more criminal than bad judgment in misapplying \$21,000,000 of the funds of his banks, and that the banking laws are a dead letter, the accused's lawyers will ask for his dismissal without the submission of evidence in his behalf.

The attorneys contend the provision of the law concerning the limitation of loans to any individual to 10 per cent of a bank's capital is not prohibitory, but merely advisory. They insist that the entire penalty for violation of this provision is civil liability for loss and possible revocation of the bank's charter.

## TAFT TO VISIT ENGLAND.

Will Pay Respects to King Edward and Emperor William.

Windsor, England.—Although nothing definite on the subject will be known until Secretary Taft reaches Vladivostok from Manila, it is likely that he will come to England as dispatches have been sent to him pointing out that only a slight change in his itinerary is necessary to enable him to visit both Emperor William and King Edward. Instead of going direct to Cherbourg, as he intended, he might be shortening his visit to Berlin, come direct to London, and after a short visit, here go to High Cliff castle, see the German emperor and embark at Southampton, which is not far from the coast where the emperor is to spend his holiday.

## Militia Guards Witnesses.

Hahnville, La.—To protect three convicted murderers of Walter Lamm, who are coming here as witnesses, a company of state militia was brought to Hahnville Thursday. The witnesses are Italians—Gendusa, Campiciano and wife—who were nearly lynched early last summer when a jury recommended them for mercy in the Lamm kidnapping case.

## For Violating Sunday Laws.

Kansas City, Mo.—The grand jury has returned 149 additional indictments against persons charged with violating the state law which forbids labor on Sunday. The indictments are against 88 persons, 14 of whom are charged with selling intoxicants on Sunday. The indicted persons will be arrested and compelled to give bond within 48 hours.

## Family Overcome by Gas.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Mayor William E. S. Pratt and their two children, and Mrs. Jennie Taylor, the mayor's sister, were overcome Monday night by fumes from the hot air furnace at their family home, in which natural gas is used as fuel. All are confined to their beds, but they will recover.

## Injury Fatal to Oil Official.

Bayonne, N. J.—E. W. Johnson, assistant superintendent of the Standard Oil Co., died as a result of injuries he received when a carriage in which he was riding was struck by a trolley car. The horse was killed and the carriage was wrecked. Charles Olmstead, the motorman, was held on a charge of homicide.

**Gold Nugget Found in South Dakota.**  
Burke, S. D.—Nels Magee, one of the pioneers of Gregory county, is in Burke exhibiting a nugget of pure native gold weighing 51 grains, which he recently found on a gravel knoll in Tripp county. He declares that there is much more of equal purity in the same locality, as this is undoubtedly a glacial deposit.

**Diplomat Russian's Target.**  
St. Petersburg, Russia.—The Austrian ambassador to Russia, Count Berchold, was struck, but not seriously injured, by a stone hurled by an unknown person through the window of the dining car in which he was traveling on his return to this city from a vacation.

**Bill Launches New Air Craft.**  
Baddeck, N. S.—After many years of experimental work, the machine with which Alexander Graham Bell hopes to solve the problem of aerial navigation was successfully launched Wednesday in the presence of a large number of the close friends of the inventor.

**American Author Found Dead.**  
Paris, France.—Dr. Moncreu D. Conway, the distinguished American author, died suddenly here. His body, in accordance with the request of his relatives in America, will be cremated.

**California Capitalist Kills Himself.**  
San Francisco, Cal.—A telegram from Santa Cruz says Major Frank McLaughlin, prominent politician and capitalist, has committed suicide at that place.

**Train in Corn Field.**  
La Porte, Ind.—While running at the rate of sixty miles an hour, westbound passenger train No. 13 on the Wabash jumped the track near Dillon in La Porte county Friday night. Four passengers and three trainmen were seriously and scores of passengers slightly hurt. The injured trainmen were taken to the railroad hospital at Peru, Ind., and the injured passengers were sent to Chicago on a special relief train. The entire train left the rails and ran into a corn field.

**The Troubles of Barney.**  
New York, N. Y.—Close friends of Charles T. Barney, deposed president of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, who killed himself in his Park avenue mansion, declared that worry over his marital relations had no doubt prompted his act as much as his brooding over the loss of financial prestige. The estrangement between Mr. and Mrs. Barney had existed for a long time, and after the marriage of their youngest daughter they separated.

## GOVERNMENT TO THE RESCUE

SECRETARY OF TREASURY PROPOSES TO ISSUE \$100,000,000 CERTIFICATES.

APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

Banks of Country Sound, Chief Executive Declares, and Sudden Craze for Private Hoarding Without Warrant in Reason.

Washington—President Roosevelt has promulgated a statement on the existing financial condition that carries reassurance of a positive character.

In brief, Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou's proposal to issue \$100,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness, to remain outstanding for one year and bear 3 per cent interest, also to place on sale 50,000,000 of Panama canal bonds bearing 2 per cent interest, are heartily approved and are to be carried out at once. The entire sum realized from the federal treasury operation is to be deposited where greatest need of currency exists, in the West and South, for crop marketing purposes.

## Roosevelt's Letter.

The president's letter follows: "The White House, Washington, Nov. 17, 1907.—My Dear Mr. Cortelyou: I have considered your proposition. I approve the issue of the 50,000,000 of Panama bonds, which will be immediately available as the basis for currency. I also approve the issue of \$100,000,000, or so much as you may find necessary, of 3 per cent interest-bearing government certificates, the proceeds of the sale of which may be deposited by you where the greatest need is, especially in the West and South. I have assurance that the congress is considering a currency bill which will meet in a permanent fashion the needs of the country, and which I believe will be passed at an early date after congress convenes two weeks hence.

"What is most needed just at present is that our citizens should realize how fundamentally sound business conditions in this country are, and how absurd it is to permit themselves to get into a panic and create a stringency by hoarding their savings, instead of trusting perfectly sound banks.

"There is no particle of risk involved in letting business take its natural course, and the people can help themselves and the country most by putting back into active circulation the money they are hoarding. The banks and trust companies are solvent. There is more currency in the country today than there was a month ago, when the supply was ample. Fifty-five million dollars in gold has been imported and the government has deposited another \$60,000,000. These are facts; they appeal to the public to co-operate with us in restoring normal business conditions.

## Proper Effort, Result Guaranteed.

"The government will see that the people do not suffer, if only the people themselves will act in a normal way. Crops are good and business conditions are sound, and we should put the money we have into circulation at once to meet the needs of our abounding prosperity. There is no analogy at all with the way things were in 1893. On November 30 of that year there was in the treasury but \$61,000,000 in gold. On November 14 of this year there was in the treasury \$904,000,000 of gold. Ten years ago the circulation per capita was \$23.23; it is now \$33.23. The steps that you now take, the ability of the government to back them up, and the fact that not a particle of risk is involved therein, give the fullest guarantee of the sound condition of our people and the sound condition of our treasury.

"All that our people have to do now is to go ahead with their normal business in a normal fashion and the whole difficulty disappears; and this end will be achieved at once if each man will act as he normally does act, and as the real conditions of the country's business fully warrant his now acting. Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

## TURKS OCCUPY SERDECHT.

Kaimakam Urges Population to Withdraw Russian Allegiance.

St. Petersburg—According to dispatches from Teheran, the Turkish troops occupied Serdecht and appointed a Kaimakam, who urges the population to accept Turkish protection.

The Russian Minister, Mr. Zinoviev, has received instructions to make a protest to the sultan.

**American High in Turkish Navy.**  
Constantinople—Commodore R. D. Buckman, an American, and naval adviser of the sultan, has been promoted to the rank of rear admiral in the Turkish navy, with title of Pasha.

**Bomb Makers Killed.**  
Lisbon—Three anarchists were engaged in making bombs, when the material with which they were working exploded. Two of them were killed outright and the third was arrested before he could get away.

**Pettibone Trial Reset.**  
Boise, Idaho.—The trial of George A. Pettibone for complicity in the killing of former Governor Steunenberg was reset by Judge Wood for Nov. 25. If the Adams trial at Rathdrum is finished by that time there will be no further postponement.

**Receiver for Package Company.**  
Mound City, Ill.—C. L. Bartlett of Mound City has been appointed receiver for the Metal Bound Package Co. of this place. The liability of the company are about \$80,000.

## NEWS OF MISSOURI

Historic Courthouse to Be Razed.

Aurora—One of the historic buildings of Missouri is soon to be razed to the ground. The Barry county court has ordered an election for Dec. 21 to vote on the proposition of erecting a new court edifice to replace the old, and, as the building has been condemned, there remains hardly a doubt but that the old historic structure, which has figured so prominently in Missouri's civil war history, will soon become only a memory.

## Books Did Not Tally.

St. Louis—Two alleged discrepancies, involving \$275,000, were found in the accounts of the People's United States bank at University City in the spring of 1905, according to the testimony of J. L. Stice, assistant postmaster of St. Louis and a postoffice inspector at the time, at Wednesday afternoon's session of the trial of President Edward G. Lewis of the defunct institution, who is accused of using the mails to defraud.

## To Stop Hazing.

St. Louis—Hazing at Washington university must stop. The committee on discipline of the department of arts and sciences says so. Acting Chancellor Marshall S. Snow has ordered that copies of the order be handed to every student. The faculty is said to agree with the discipline committee that recent happenings in the hazing line at the university have been too strenuous and that it is time to call a halt.

## Councilman Made Profit.

St. Louis—Former Councilman Geo. C. Linde, in his testimony before the committee investigating the connection of Councilman Albert R. Thomson with the \$965 contract for cleaning the council chamber, admitted that the city was made to pay \$200 for work for which he (Linde) disbursed only \$115 to the man doing the work. He said the \$85 balance was a debt from him to this man.

## Mining Congress in Session.

Joplin—The American Mining Congress was called to order here in 11th annual session. Several hundred delegates were in attendance, representing all parts of the country. The gathering will last through Thursday. The day was devoted to the reception of delegates and a side trip to Galva, Kas., where a banquet was spread at noon.

## Out Harvesters Co.

St. Louis—A suit to have the International Harvester Co. of America declared a trust operating in restraint of trade and to compel it to cease doing business in Missouri was filed in the supreme court by Attorney General Hadley. The company is popularly known as the "Harvester Trust," and is capitalized at \$120,000,000.

## Kansas Cityan Arrested.

Kansas City—J. C. Wilson, president of the Interstate Fiscal Agency Co. and agent for the Kansas City Life Insurance Co. in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, was arrested by United States Marshal Durham on a warrant sworn out by Postoffice Inspector E. L. McKee, charging him with using the mails to defraud.

## Slew the Wrong Man.

Webb City—"I killed the wrong man," Henry Lacey, foreman of the American Beauty Mine, told the coroner's jury that held him for slaying W. W. Parker, a young miner who boarded with Mrs. Lacey. "I thought that I was shooting at another man, and I intended to kill both him and my wife."

## Caldwell County is "Dry."

Kingston—Local option carried in Caldwell county by a vote of 887 to 451, no township voting as high as 100 against the proposition. The county has only three saloons, two in Hamilton, one in Breckenridge. There was no fight by the saloon element.

## Bigamy Jury Disagrees.

Sedalia—The jury in the case of Arthur H. Hall, billiard hall proprietor, whose trial on a charge of bigamy failed to reach a verdict and was discharged. The jury stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal.

## Prominent Lawyer Dies.

Mexico—Orlando Hitt, one of the most prominent lawyers in the state, died here. He was 54 years old and a few years ago was circuit attorney in Colorado.

## Sikes Factory Inspector.

Jefferson City—Gov. Folk reappointed Jesse W. Sikes of St. Louis to be state factory inspector. The place pays \$1,500 per annum. Mr. Sikes is a cousin of Mrs. Folk.

## La Force, Retired Banker, Killed.